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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA: QUOTE:

1. CONGEN DELAY IN REPLYING REFTEL DUE LACK OF ANY FACTS TO REPORT. UNDER SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION FOUAD ABDEL MEGID, RESIDENT IN ALEXANDRIA, WAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF PROJECTED NEW TOWN FOR BUHAYRAH (CORRECT SPELLING) PROVINCE REPORTED IN REPAIR.
2. UNDER MINISTERIAL DECREE RECENTLY APPROVED, MEGID IS TO ASSUME OVERALL PLANNING SUPERVISION FOR ALEXANDRIA, BUHAYRAH AND NUBARIYAH PROVINCES. FYI - LAST NAMED "NEW PROVINCE" NOT RPT NOT YET APPROVED. MINISTERIAL RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN ON PRESIDENTIAL DESK FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS. END FYI.
3. WHEN ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY FOR NEW PLANNING RESPONSIBILITIES IS FUNCTIONING, MEGID WILL BE ABLE ASK GOVERNOR OF BUHAYRAH FOR ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION ON NEW TOWN PROPOSAL, BUT FOR PRESENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY SEEK ADDITIONAL DATA THROUGH MINISTER'S OFFICE IN CAIRO.
4. ATTEMPTS TO GET APPOINTMENT WITH BUHAYRAH GOVERNOR AND DISCUSS PROJECT HAVE BEEN FRUITLESS. SIGNED CHASE. END QUOTE

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5. EMBASSY WILL CONTACT MINISTRY OF HOUSING

AND RECONSTRUCTION SOONEST TO ATTEMPT OBTAIN INFORMATION
REQUESTED STATE REFTTEL.
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